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Daniel V. EAST et al.

Application No.: 09/982,852

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For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A FAIL-SAFE  
START-UP MECHANISM FOR CLIENTS OF  
A LICENSE SERVER

Art Unit: 3621

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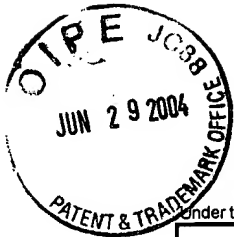
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